The links, numbers and addresses below offer resources and assistance for veterans and their families. If you have further questions or are seeking help with a specific situation, please cont act my St. Paul Office at 651-224-9191.

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**Veterans Linkage Line: 1-888-LinkVet (1-888-546-5838)** *LinkVet is a toll-free, one-stop customer sevice line for all Minnesota veterans.* 

<u>Minnesota Veteran One Stop Website</u> This website was developed to provide Minnesota Veterans, their families and employers with a one stop location for information and links available for veterans.

County Veterans Service Offices Every county in Minnesota has a County Veterans Service Office (CVSO) to assist you, your dependents and your survivors. These are the offices in the Fourth District:

- Dakota County 651-554-5601
- Ramsey County 651-266-8489
- Washington County 651-430-6895

Click here for a list of all County Veterans Service Offices in Minnesota.

## **National Resources:**

<u>Veterans Administration (VA)</u> The Department of Veterans Affairs offers many national and local resources. Useful links include:

- A database where you can find and download any VA form
- The St. Paul VA Regional Office (VARO) 1-800-827-1000
- The Minneapolis VA Medical Center -

612-725-2000 or 1-800-414-5058

St. Paul Veteran Resource Center - 651-644-4022
 550 County Road D, Suite 10
 New Brighton, MN 55112

(Vet Centers provide readjustment counseling and outreach services to all veterans who served in any combat zone. Services are also available for family members for military related issues. All services are provided at no cost to the veteran or family.

Click here for the national Vet Centers page.

- Military OneSource 1-800-342-9647
- VA's Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-TALK

<u>DOD Military Transitioners Portal</u> This is a Department of Defense website designed specifically to assist Service members leaving active duty. This site should be used as part of a comprehensive program of transition and employment assistance.

<u>Defense Finance and Accounting Service</u>

DFAS handles military pay, retired pay, and other financial matters.

Employment

## Assistance:

Many organizations provide employment assistance for veterans.

<u>Veterans Employment Representatives</u> - (1-888-GET JOBS) Veterans Employment Reps work with businesses and veterans throughout Minnesota to provide training and employment services, including transitional workshops and more.

**Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve** This Department of Defense organization works to help resolve conflicts between Guard or Reserve members and their civilian employers that arise from employees' military commitments. It also promotes cooperation and understanding between employers and employees.

<u>Hire Vets First Program</u> - 1-877-US2-JOBS (872-5627) This is a "comprehensive career website for hiring veterans of America's military."

<u>Key to Career Success Campaign</u> "The Key to Career Success campaign connects veterans and transitioning service members with high quality career planning, training, and job search resources available at local One-Stop Career Centers."

<u>VetJobs.com</u> - 1-877-VET-JOBS This is an online jobs site for veterans supported by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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